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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

SUBJECT: Deletion of Data Link to Weather Central,  
Omaha, Nebraska

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1. Reference our conversation 25 January 1964, subject as above. Recent changes in the concept of operation for the Automation Division support to OSA operations preclude the requirement for a magnetic tape transport link between  and Weather Central, (WECEN), Omaha, Nebraska. Specifically these changes are:

a. The WECEN IBM 7094 Computer will not be needed, or used, as a backup for the Agency IBM 7090. The Office of Computer Services (OCS/DDS&T) has arranged for convenient back-up facilities at Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Arlington Hall.

b. Many of the Automation Division programs are converted for use on the IBM 1410/1401 co-located with the Agency IBM 7090. Although running time may be longer on the 1410/1401 complex the actual time for production effort will not exceed the running time, transmission time and handling of data produced on WECEN's IBM 7094.

c. WECEN will not maintain updated programs used by OSA. The problem of continuous update is significant, plus the orientation of WECEN programmers in new programs developed by the Automation Division.

d. Simplified procedures for coordination and completion of weather information on OXCART Flight Plans have been developed to allow transmission of the small amount of required data by normal teletype (KW-26) transmission.

2. Changes in the methods of obtaining and updating weather data from WECEN by the Weather Staff/OSA through facsimile transmission and simplified teletype format negate the requirement for a data link for this purpose.

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3. Any future requirement for this data link should be based on requirements in support of the Satellite Operations Center and would fall in the same category as the other proposed data links for this purpose. Information available to me at this time is not sufficient for me to justify a magnetic tape transport link between the Automation Division, OSA and WECEN.

4. Elimination of this link will provide savings of approximately \$14,000 for rental of magnetic tape transports for the remainder of FY'64. The FY'65 savings will approximate \$45,000. These savings will not prejudice the operational capability of the Automation Division.

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